

## **Justin Melvey**

Actor, Television Presenter, Sportsman, MC



From Days Of Our Lives to Dancing With The Stars, Justin Melvey has come a long way since sunning his buns in Summer Bay. He tells Matt Myers about his new multi-millionaire role, Kentucky soap fans and making room for Matt LeBlanc.

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Justin started acting in Los Angeles ten years ago after arriving in America as a representative of Australia for the 'The World Cup Tour' - Freestyle snow-skiing. From working internationally on sports and children's television programs and modelling around the world, Justin realized he had a theatrical calling.

Studying and working in the television & film industry in Los Angeles for several years, Justin landed many roles in independent films and on daytime television. In 1999 Justin returned to Australia to star as a regular character in Home & Away for the Seven Network.

After fifteen months on Home & Away, Justin received a Logie for "Best New Male Talent in Television". This Award was followed by an offer to also star as a regular character on the long running daytime series Days of Our Lives in the US. Justin has since developed a huge fan base in not only Australia, but around the world.

No one could have predicted that he would leave the popular series to break new ground as a Shakespearean thespian in one of the leading roles in "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare", which opened at the Sydney Opera House then took advantage of the opportunity to stretch his talents on stage and playing Hamlet, MacBeth, King Lear, Titus and the 33 of Shakespeare's other leading men. Justin has proven his comedic skills in his improvisational comedy stint on Channel 10's "Good News Week", "The Great Debate" and at the "Fox Comedy Store" in Sydney.

During his time on "Days of our Lives", Justin starred in a Showtime Movie of the Week, "Faultline", in a leading role with Doug Savant (Melrose Place, Desperate Housewives), which took place in the Florida Keys.

Justin returned to Australia to be a celebrity participant in the Network 7's top rated variety show "Dancing with the Stars" (Series one) where he succeeded to the semi-finals while also flying between Sydney and Los Angeles to complete his contract on "Days of our Lives".

Justin's next achievement was landing the popular role in the ABC Network hit daytime show "General Hospital", playing the boyfriend of GH's daytime princess Kelly Monaco's character, "Sami". Kelly's popularity soared from winning the American version of "Dancing with the Stars" and a story line ark was created which gave Justin the opportunity of performing the Rumba alongside Kelly.

In 2008 - 2009, Justin starred in his own hit Prime Time TV series "The Phone" on Foxtel Australia playing a fictional character in action-packed, reality based drama.

Justin's most important personal role is that of dedicated worker for his various charities. He has helped to fund a children's hospital in Australia, has worked with the Leukaemia and the Make A Wish Foundation, and every year since 2000, has travelled to Lake Tahoe to raise money for the Special Olympics and takes great pleasure in sponsoring athletes with Down Syndrome inspiring them to personal sporting goals that Justin has been fortunate to enjoy.

Justin also travels to Vail directly after this event to help raise money for the Vail Valley Foundation, having worked alongside Christopher Reeves, Bobby Kennedy, Jr. and stars from hit shows such as "The West Wing" and "Alias".

In 2009 Justin returned to his beloved Australia to be close with his family, to continue his various charity work and re focus on the local industry.

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